



Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Task Force

MEETING MINUTES

The Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Taskforce met on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, from 9:00 A.M. (EDT) to 12:00 P.M. (EDT) at the Indiana Government Center (302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204) in Conference Rooms 4 & 5. A recording of the meeting is available at: <https://indiana.adobeconnect.com/pu6v95lkg6wp/>

I. Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch Calls Meeting to Order

II. Introduction of Taskforce Members

Present: Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, Senator Vaneta Becker (District 50), Representative Ed Clere (District 72), Representative Carey Hamilton (District 87), Jonathan Burlison, Jay Chaudhary, Steve Cook, Christine Dahlberg, Kim Dodson, Shawn Fulton, Eric Heeter, Dr. Nancy Holsapple, Kylee Hope, Jan Kulik, Joe Langerak, Kathleen McAllen, Jason Meyer, Danie’l Mize, Elizabeth Peyton, David Reed, Julie Reynolds, Breann Teague

III. Review and Approval of Minutes from June 13, 2019 Meeting

The minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved by the Taskforce.

IV. Waiver Redesign Update (HSRI, Waiver Redesign Contractor)

Kylee Hope kicked off the meeting by providing a brief history of the waiver design process, noting that it is not only the result of the 1102 Taskforce recommendations but goes back to 2014 and federal changes related to the HCBS rule.

Dr. Sheli Reynolds then presented on the viewpoint shift happening across the country that is changing the intellectual and developmental disabilities support system. The LifeCourse Core Belief is that “All people and their families have the right to live, love, work, play and pursue their life aspirations.” Current policies are instead based on an institutional medical model. Dr. Reynolds stated that it is progressive to think about a waiver that supports a new paradigm and way of thinking and, is really a civil rights movement.

However, the Medicaid waiver is not the golden ticket to a great life. The “Cadillac” of services is a service that utilizes all types of supports. Creating a system that fills the gaps as opposed to being the only answer should be the focus. Every life stage needs to be considered when designing the new waiver.



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Dr. Jon Agosta, Executive Vice President Human Services Research Institute (HSRI):

LifeCourse provides a vision and “North Star” to guide this system change work. The work calls for the HRSI team is to:

- Complete activities associated with the creation of new Medicaid HCBS waivers for DDRS/BDDS to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in ways that comply with the HCBS Rule, but also lead to improved services and supports, encouraging fuller community integration for individuals in Indiana with ID/DD.
- Ensure the waivers are seated within the LifeCourse framework, are responsive to 1102 Taskforce and other key stakeholder recommendations, and achieve defined project goals for DDRS/BDDS to undertake.

We must be sure to find balance between our best intentions to advance self-direction and community integration, with the discipline needed to field an efficient, equitable, and effective system.

Project progress to date: Kickoff meeting, lots of research, and determined where Indiana is in relation to the rest of the US and specific states, in order to create strategies to capitalize on the state’s strengths. The outline to the approach will be ready in by the end of 2019; the initial concept draft will be made public and available for comment, and then the waiver application process will begin. The goal is to maximize existing strengths, address shortcomings and challenges, and take advantage of opportunities.

Lt. Governor Crouch asked that the draft concept paper be emailed to the Taskforce. There will be a meeting of the Taskforce specifically to get input on the draft. The draft will also be available to the public for comment two times; then submission to CMS will allow for public comment a third time.

V. Indiana 211 Presentation (Julie Johns-Cole, Executive Director, Indiana 211)

Indiana 211 is a statewide 24 hours/7 days per week information and referral hotline and service that connects Hoosiers to 24,936 services at 16,725 locations provided by 10,133 agencies. This is the most comprehensive database in Indiana. The core tenant is client centric, and serving the whole person is key. Resources can be accessed online at www.in211.org.

Catherine McNaughton, Deputy Director, Indiana 211 presented on data: A lot of services are inclusive but are not identified through intake if an individual has ID/DD. 211 will work with experts in the ID/DD field to establish procedures for identifying needs of callers. With improved procedures, 211 will be able to provide more robust referral services to callers with ID/DD. Through established data collection procedures,



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211 will better capture data on the ID/DD community in Indiana and share data. The Taskforce had several questions to ensure the 211 database is capturing the available ID/DD resources in each community.

VI. Workforce Presentations

- a. **Employment First and Work to Include Presentation (Christine Dahlberg, Executive Director, Governor's Council for People with Disabilities):** There are three recommendations from the Taskforce that are related to workforce. Employment First was passed into law in 2017. Indiana's Commission on Rehabilitation Services is charged with developing a plan to promote Employment First, the national movement and state law stating that employment in the community is the first and preferred outcome of services for Hoosiers with disabilities.

Dr. Pat Rogan - Employment First: There are 36 states in the country who have adopted Employment First. The federal Office of Disability Employment Policy has elevated this as one of their priority initiatives.

Susan Rinne - "Work to Include" Campaign: Susan Rinne presented on the series of Town Hall events that were led and designed by team leaders with disabilities to educate businesses and communities about Employment First legislation, to hear from attendees, and to build coalitions. The Work to Include Summit will be held November 20, 2019, at 8:30 am – 2:30 pm at the West Market Conference Center.

- b. **Employment Array Workgroup Update (Shawn Fulton, Consumer Education Training Coordinator, The Arc of Indiana):** Shawn Fulton presented on the activities of this workgroup, such as identifying barriers to employment like transportation. The Wavier Redesign group also attended a meeting to get feedback about employment supports. They have a full list of topics they plan to discuss at future meetings.
- c. **Vocational Rehabilitation Order of Selection Status Update (Theresa Koleszar, Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services):** When HEA 1488 was passed in April 2019, there was a requirement for BRS to give an annual update on status of Order of Selection, which was implemented in August, 2017. HEA 1488 also required that a plan be developed to move out of Order of Selection. Theresa Koleszar updated the Taskforce stating that currently, 80% of applicants determined eligible have a MSD severity determination and are served without delay. The process to move out of Order of Selection was also presented, and there was discussion on the fiscal capacity of the vocational rehabilitation program.



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d. Ability Cities Presentation (Katy Stafford-Cunningham, Executive Vice

President/COO, INARF): Katy Stafford-Cunningham gave an overview of the Ability Indiana program, also known as the State Use Committee. Ability Indiana was established by law in 1976 as a means to provide sustainable, fulfilling employment to individuals with disabilities. The program provides quality goods and services to state and local governments at competitive prices. This is a stepping stone of employment for individuals into other opportunities.

VII. Statewide Crisis Assistance Program Discussion (Taskforce Discussion)

Due to time constraints, this topic was moved to next Taskforce meeting.

VIII. Key Updates on 1102 Final Report Recommendations (Kylee Hope, Director, DDRS) Kylee – Spreadsheet

Kylee Hope gave a brief overview on the status of each recommendation of the 1102 Final Report. Creating a priority status on the Medicaid HCBS waivers for children of active duty and veteran military families has been approved by CMS and was effective October 1, 2019. Kylee requested that Taskforce members continue to review the spreadsheet and include an updates prior to the next meeting.

IX. Legislative Needs Discussion (Taskforce Discussion)

Members discussed topics and additional information they would like for the next meeting(s), including information on the Medicaid funding that is reverted, the DSP crisis including a registry to help prevent abuse of individuals with disabilities and ABLE accounts.

X. Business Items for Next Meeting / Adjourn Meeting

The next meeting of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Taskforce will be January 7, 2020, at the Indiana Government South (302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis IN 46204), Conference Room A. The livestream link is: <http://indiana.adobeconnect.com/taskforce1102>.